

## TO-DAY'S NEWS IN BRIEF.

## WASHINGTON.

The Kerner wing of the Missouri Republican faction fight appears to be concentrating their efforts to prevent the appointment of Boyd, even if they cannot secure the reappointment of Smith as Surveyor of Customs.

President Francis and Treasurer Thompson of the World's Fair Company, while in Washington, will begin the work of securing from Congress an increased appropriation for the World's Fair exhibit and National Commission's expense. They do not consider good policy to ask Congress for an appropriation for a new post office at this time.

Secretary of State Hay may be compelled to appear in a New York court and answer to a charge of contempt for refusing to reveal public secrets in a libel suit in which he was subpoenaed as a witness.

The Treasury Bureau of Statistics has compiled a comparative statement of imports into China from the United States and European and Asiatic nations, which shows conclusively that the United States commerce suffered more during the disturbances in China the past year than any other nation's.

Federal aid in reclaiming the arid lands of the Far West by irrigation will probably precipitate one of the bitterest fights Congress has known for many years. On one side will be the President, the Secretary of Agriculture and the Representatives of the Western States, while aligned against them will be the solid Southern representation, strongly supported by the East, the Northwest and the Middle West.

An ugly fight is expected in the Senate over the confirmation of George Koester, whom the President appointed Revenue Collector for South Carolina, against the protest of the Republican machine in that State.

Congress, in considering the repeal or reduction of the tariff on raw sugar, must face the responsibility of bringing about a financial panic in Cuba or the ruination of the sugar-raising industry of the United States.

It is expected that the Senate may act favorably on the Hay-Panama treaty this week, and that the House will pass a measure to meet the Philippine tariff situation.

## LOCAL AND SUBURBAN.

Many Atlantic States are preparing to make exhibits at the Louisiana Purchase Centennial.

Doctor Nister severed a tumor at the City Hospital.

The Washburn Railroad is planning elevated tracks to enter the World's Fair site.

Jacob Eppinger, a young man, is struggling to make his home.

The Southwestern Opera Company expects to resume performances at Music Hall December 16.

The Reverend Father Coffey discusses common worship among the common people.

Plans are under consideration for the erection of an underground factory in St. Louis.

Gustave A. Ludwig contracted blood poisoning while handling a snake, and physicians were unable to save his life.

Several men arrested in a police raid were identified as highway robbers.

Frau Schumann-Heink states that she will sing at the Klatskanie market on Friday.

George Drawing was fatally wounded by Fred Brennecker after a saloon quarrel.

The tenuous Court of Inquiry begins its sessions to-day.

## GENERAL DOMESTIC.

It is said that Rear Admiral Sampson is being rapidly promoted to the rank of admiral and will be in command of the fleet.

Congress should order an investigation of the war with Spain if it would be impossible for him to appear as a witness.

Fred W. Pettigrew, brother of ex-Senator Pettigrew, was found unconscious in the road near his home. It is not known whether he was the victim of an accident or not.

A. W. Marshall, a Kansas City bank teller, was struck by a train and fatally injured.

Mayor Stephen Clark of Ansonia, Conn., withdrew from the race for the presidency because his salary of \$500 is not sufficient for his support. Several of his appointees will receive twice as much as his salary, but they will continue to work at their respective jobs.

The hearing of deposition in the Cardwell case will be resumed Monday, December 16, at Independence, Mo.

Many delegates to the American Federation of Labor devoted Sunday to the organization of committees.

A unique system will be employed by Methodists in their attempt to raise a \$100,000 fund for certain purposes. Students of different denominations will be admitted and sold to Sunday-school students as fast as they collect money for the fund. All money will be furnished the children to keep their stamps in.

Berry Howard, charged with complicity in the assassination of William Goebel, who has defied arrest for two years, was trapped by strategy. He visited a neighbor's unarmored and without the bodyguard of three men. Officers here saw him and he was arrested and took him by surprise.

The widow of former President Harrison resents the interference of her stepson, Colonel Russell Harrison, in the matter of her securing a pension from the Government.

W. Bourke Cockran, in a speech at a pro-Boer meeting in Chicago last night, declared that President Roosevelt, by one word, can end the war in South Africa, which, he asserted, can only be terminated by England's abandonment of a hopeless struggle.

A New York priest is dying of blood poisoning because he refused to permit surgeons to amputate one of his thumbs, stating that if the thumb were removed he would be unable to celebrate mass.

Notes by the unemployed occurred yesterday at Lyons. Thirty arrests were made and several gentlemen injured.

The Krentz-Zettling, a German paper representing a hostile and respectable element of the German people, denounces President Roosevelt's message to Congress as a truly Napoleonic document, sufficient to arouse and alarm the world, and intimates that the President's recommendation that the American Navy be greatly increased to uphold the Monroe Doctrine is a serious menace to Germany.

## SPORTING.

"Daddy" Mahoney, the American jockey, has the best chance of all the boys on the English turf this year, he having ridden twenty-four winners out of 48 mounts.

The Western Jockey Club and American Turf Congress will hold a peace meeting in Chicago to-day for the purpose of arranging racing disputes.

It is believed that recent improvements will make the New Orleans track a second better than ever before.

Tommy Ryan states that he will meet Mike Ferns if the latter will put up a cash stake.

## FOREIGN.

The American negro seaman, David Paine, who has been leading Filipinos for two years, has been killed.

The Prince of Wales has called his condolence to Minister of Railways A. G. Hoyer and Mrs. Blair, whose daughter was killed in the Ottawa river Friday.

## Oriental Rugs.

There is no more welcome gift than a genuine Oriental Rug, rightly selected.

Our entire stock is individual; each piece has its special charm and is not merely one of a large bale of Rugs.

A few names, sizes and prices may be of suggestive help:

## Room Size Rugs.

Afghan or Khiva—20 of these Rugs, size 6x9 to 8x12.

\$45.00 to \$85.00.

Kooristan, 9x12.

\$50.00 and \$65.00.

India Rugs, 10x13 1/2.

\$97.50.

Also India and Persian Carpets, some as large as 13x18 feet.

\$75.00 to \$500.00.

And a few All-Rug Rugs.

\$200.00 and \$225.00.

## Small and Medium Rugs.

200 Daghestan and Shirvan Rugs, sizes 3x5 to 4x7.

\$9.75 to \$32.50.

100 Kazack Rugs, sizes 3x6 to 5x11.

Many of these rugs are nearly square in shape.

\$17.50 to \$50.00.

## Other Rugs.

Alexminster, Smyrna, Body Brussels and Wilton Rugs, of best grade, in all sizes from 18 inches by 3.6 feet to 11x15 feet.

85c, \$1.20, \$1.65 and up to \$42.50.

Scruggs, Vandervent & Barney

DRY GOODS COMPANY.

## SPECTACLES AND EYEGLASSES

SUITABLE FOR XMAS PRESENTS.

Lenses changed free of charge after the Holidays.

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## FEDERAL MINTS HAVE BEEN KEPT BUSY.

During the Fiscal Year There Were Coined 176,999,132 Pieces, Valued at \$136,346,781.

Washington, Dec. 8.—The report of George E. Roberts, Director of the Mint, upon the operations of the mint service during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1901, has been completed.

The coinage of the mints during the fiscal year amounted to 176,999,132 pieces, of the value of \$136,346,781. Of this \$95,675 was in gold, \$24,288,850 was in silver dollars, \$10,366,438 was in fractional silver and \$26,000,578 was in minor coins. There also were coined at the Philadelphia Mint 25,000 gold pieces of the value of \$249,014 for the Government of Costa Rica.

The coinage of silver dollars during the year was wholly from the stock of bullion accumulated under the act of July 14, 1890. The amount of this bullion on hand at the beginning of the fiscal year was \$1,283,564 standard ounces, and at the end of the year \$2,582,927 standard ounces. The coinage of this bullion has been accelerated to enable the Treasury to retire the Treasury notes issued in its purchase, and at the same time supply the pressing demand which has existed throughout the year for the small denominations of money required in retail trade.

New Mint at Philadelphia. Coinage operations were conducted during the year in the mints at Philadelphia, San Francisco and New Orleans. The Philadelphia mint is now in its new quarters, and the old site, including the structure, will be offered for sale to the highest bidder on December 19, 1901. An upset price of \$200,000 has been placed on it. The original cost of the ground to the Government was \$55,000. The cost of the new site and structure has been \$2,000,000 and the appropriation for equipment \$200,000, but a considerable portion of the latter is yet unexpended. No pains have been spared to provide this mint with the best machinery to be had, and it is believed that in methods and equipment it will be, when completed, a model institution of its kind.

More Money Needed for Denver. The new mint under construction at Denver has made slow progress during the year, and the supervising architect finds an additional appropriation necessary before the final contracts can be let. The appropriation for site and building was \$50,000 and equipment \$100,000. The new mints at Philadelphia and New Orleans, together with the old ones at San Francisco and New Orleans, will afford ample facilities for this country for many years to come.

The original deposits of gold at the mints and assay offices amounted to \$15,101,500, an increase of \$1,151,551 over the preceding year. Of this \$7,398,409 was in foreign gold, \$7,703,091 was in gold from the United States, and \$6,553,300 that of Japan.

World's Production of Gold. The estimated production of gold in the United States during the calendar year 1900 was of the value of \$3,171,000, and notwithstanding the fact that this country led the world in production, its imports exceeded its exports by \$1,365,990. The production of North America, particularly all of which comes to the United States, was \$1,838,300.

The world's coinage of gold in the calendar year 1900 was \$26,364,907 and of silver \$27,613,907.

The industrial consumption of gold in the United States during the calendar year 1900 is estimated at \$2,000,000, and of the world approximately \$5,000,000.

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## SKILL BLOWN OPEN WITH A SHOTGUN.

George Drawing Shot and Mortally Wounded by Fred Brennecker.

George Drawing was shot and mortally wounded last night by Fred Brennecker in Chris Goebel's saloon, No. 121 St. George street. Brennecker used a double-barreled shotgun at close range and fired a bullet through the chest, which was later found on the saloon counter.

The shooting was the outcome of a fight between the two men in the saloon a short time before the former game. He declared he could whip Drawing, and invited him to fight. At this juncture Welsh told his friend and struck Brennecker. Brennecker, drawing, Sam Welsh and two other men had been playing cards and a dispute arose between Brennecker and Drawing as to the score. Welsh joined in the argument, siding with Drawing. After some hot words the matter was dropped and all appeared to be on friendly terms. Brennecker engaged in another game of cards, but Drawing and Welsh refused to participate.

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Men's Goods. Our assortment embraces all that is new and novel in this line, including specialties in English Neckwear not obtainable elsewhere.

The second week of the holiday shopping season begins this morning, and those who desire gifts of utility and beauty will find it to their advantage to examine our stock, which is one of distinctive merit at moderate prices.

## Women's Garments.

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## Furs.

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Costs—Our garments are fashioned after the latest Paris models, and are made from carefully selected skins. Alaska Seal, Broadtail and Persian Lamb Coats. \$150 to \$350.

Muffs and Boas—Of Isabella and Sable Fox, Blue and Black Lynx, Mink, Marten, Chinchilla and all the prevailing furs of the season, per set. \$25.00 to \$75.00.

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